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*Bloud justly Reveng'd :*

OR,

A True RELATION

OF THE

CONFESSIONS

AND

BEHAVIOUR

OF THE

Two Persons

Hang'd in *Fleetstreet,*

*Octob. 22. 1675.*

And thence removed to hang in Chains,  
on *Sandford-hill* and *Finchly Common.*

For Murthering Sir R. S.

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Rash and Unadvised persons.*

*With Allowance.*

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*Bloud Expiated by Justice:*

OR,

**The Execution of the Two Mur-  
therers in Fleetstreet.**

**T** Here having formerly been some brief Account given of this business in print, in the Transactions of the last Sessions, I shall not stand tediously to repeat all the precedent or concomitant Circumstances, upon what occasions and provocations, as they alleged, the murder came to be committed for which these persons now suffered. The sum and effect of their Crime being thus, as it appeared at their Tryal.

This Knight and a friend of his were in Company together at a Tavern in *Fleetstreet*, but they had not long been there before, two persons intruded into their Company; one of which presently falls a quarrelling with the Knights Friend, upon the account of forty shillings that he pretended was owing to him by his Brother, as won of him at play;

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and he would have it of him; which he refused: and thereupon from words they fell to blows, but at length were parted; but not being satisfi'd, they were resolved to waylay them, where they might have a better opportunity to accomplish their Bloody designs; and following them towards the back gate of the Temple, neer *White fryers*, both of them most barbarously fell upon the Knight, thrusting both their Swords into his Body, before he could draw his Sword: all which being proved by sufficient Evidence, the Jury brought them in both guilty of Murther.

After this, having nothing material to say for themselves, save only some frivolous pretences that the Knight's Sword was drawn (the contrary whereof was proved) and that they killed him fairly (as they call'd it), The Court proceeded to Pass Sentence of Death against them, and they were remanded back to Newgate.

The time of their Execution was deferred till *Friday* the two and twentieth of *October*, and the place appointed for it was in *Fleetstreet* over against *White-fryers*, the place where they did the Fact.

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During the time of their continuance in Newgate in expectation of death, they were visited by several Ministers, who with the most pressing and pathological exhortations endeavoured to make them sensible of their Crimes and Condition; advising them to repent, since it was high time, they being upon the very Brink of Eternity.

They remembred them of the sad state they were in, as being doom'd by Justice to a certain death, and that for the crying Scarlet-sin of Murther; that in their condition they could not expect any mercy on earth, nor any pardon but from the King of Heaven; but told them, though it were vain for them to flatter themselves with hopes of longer life in this world, yet there was means left to secure them of everlasting life in the next: that to such sinful Wretches as they had been, it was an unspeakable Mercie, that they had yet a little space left wherein to make their peace with Heaven. · Oh what would the damned





damned Souls, weltering without hope in eternal Flames, give for such a precious opportunity ? That they might have received mortal Wounds at the time when they did the Act, and been snatcht away suddenly with all the stains of Blood and Murder upon their guilty Souls ; whereas now they had leisure and opportunity if they would lay hold of it, to wash them off with true penitential Tears, and the Blood of their Crucified Redeemer applied by Faith.

These and the like pious Exhortations they heard and received with great attention ; yet still endeavoured to excuse themselves, that they had no intent to murder the Gentleman, and that it was an unhappy Accident done in heat and passion, rather by mischance than premeditated malice : But to this it was replied, That that very Passion was a sin, and the sad effects of it a far greater : that by God's own Law, he that killed a man by misadventure was not held innocent ; How  
much





much less they who had taken away a Worthy persons life voluntarily, and basely, and as appeared by the Circumstances, upon deliberation? To all which they had little to answer, but their former pretences to extenuate their Crime, For which they professed themselves heartily sorry, and begged forgiveness of God and the Gentleman's Relations for the same.

For their Execution, two Gibbets were set up in *Fleetstreet*, one at the great Gate going into *White-fryers*, the other at the lesser Passage down thither, by the *Green-Dragon Tavern*.

When the Prisoners were brought thither, neither of them said much, but still insisted upon their having no Murtherous designe when they committed the fact. They acknowledged they had led very vain and bad Lives, and that it was just with God to bring them to this shameful death. And desired all persons to beware of Gaming, and profaning the Sabbath, and of ill Company, which bring so many to ruine and destruction.

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